

Time line for Plant Quarantine activities for import of plants/plant materials -

Activity	Item	Time frame
Issuance of Import Permit	Only for Soil, growing media, peat, sphagnum moss, live insects, other arthropods, nematodes, microbial cultures including algae, bio-control agents, germplasm, transgenic and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO's)	Within 2 working days
Import Release Order	a. Tissue culture and mushroom spawn culture;	4-6 hrs
	b. Cut flowers and fresh fruits;	4-6 hrs
	c. Plant material for consumption;	1-2 working days except those requiring fumigation will be issued after 3 working days
	d. Plants and planting material requiring Post Entry Quarantine; viz., Bulbs/ Tubers /Cuttings/Saplings/Bud wood etc*;	12-24 hrs
	e. Seeds for sowing**	8-10 days (where fungal and bacterial additional declaration are verified); 30-35 days (where addition declaration for viruses are verified)

* for these commodities provisional release order is issued in 12-24 hrs but final release is given after completion of post entry quarantine protocol.

**for seeds “Grow-Out Tests” & Lab tests are done to check the expression of pathogenic symptoms (fungus, bacteria & virus).